

INTRODUCTION.

THE enumeration of the species of the five Families of Orthoptera here dealt with having already extended to 458 pages, with twenty-one Plates, it has been decided to treat the two remaining families, the Acridiidæ and the Phasmidæ, in a separate volume. All the arrangements for the publication of the present volume have been entirely under the control of Dr. Henri de Saussure, of Geneva, who, on account of his failing eyesight, has been obliged to give up the remainder of the work.

The Forficulidæ have been worked out by Count de Bormans alone.

The Blattidæ and Mantidæ by Dr. Henri de Saussure, in collaboration with Dr. Leo Zehntner.

The Gryllidæ by Dr. H. de Saussure alone.

The Locustidæ by Dr. H. de Saussure, with the assistance of M. Alphonse Pictet.

The Introductory remarks and all the general dissertations on the Blattidæ, Mantidæ, Gryllidæ, and Locustidæ have been contributed entirely by Dr. H. de Saussure. In these Families the author has also described, noticed, or figured various allied North-American or Tropical South-American species for comparison, as it is very probable that some of these will eventually be found to inhabit the region under investigation. These species are throughout the work included in square brackets, though for convenience they are numbered consecutively with the others in the text.

The following is the total number of species enumerated from Central America:—Forficulidæ, forty-one, with eight new; Blattidæ, 156, with sixty new; Mantidæ, sixty-one, with thirty-three new; Gryllidæ, 102, with forty-three new; Locustidæ, 273, with eighty new. The number of species for the five Families being 633, with 224 new.

The Acridiidæ have been undertaken by Professor Lawrence Bruner, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and we hope to commence the publication of Volume II. immediately.

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